

the Galaxy Express space launch vehicle upgrade program with Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2492. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the sale of materials related to F-5E/F fighter aircraft from the Government of Jordan to the Government of Kenya; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2493. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services relative to the launch of satellites from the Pacific Ocean utilizing a modified oil platform to Russia, Ukraine, and Norway; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2494. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Orthopedic Devices; Reclassification of the Intervertebral Body Fusion Device" (Docket No. 2006N-0019) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2495. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Senior Community Service Employment Program; Performance Accountability; Interim Rule" (RIN1205-AB47) received on July 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2496. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Subject to Certification" (Docket No. 1995C-0286) received on July 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2497. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Human Cells, Tissue, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products; Donor Screening and Testing, and Related Labeling" (Docket No. 1997N-0484T) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2498. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Responses to Specific Questions Regarding the District's Ballpark"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2499. A communication from the Director for Acquisition Management and Financial Assistance, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's fiscal year 2006 inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2500. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Auditor's Preliminary Findings from Examination of Contract Between the Office of Contracting and Procurement and Venable, Baetjer and Howard, LLP"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2501. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-63, "Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Support Act of 2007" received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2502. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the Secretary,

Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Office of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" (45 CFR Parts 74 and 76) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2503. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-62, "District of Columbia School Reform Property Disposition Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2504. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, a legislative proposal entitled "Lump-Sum Payments for Annual Levee Simplification Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2505. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, (11) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2764. A bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-128).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1642. A bill to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 1762. An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 602 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008 (S. Con. Res. 21).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of June 29, 2007, the following executive reports of nominations were submitted on July 3, 2007:

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Coast Guard nomination of Jason D. Rimington, 8958, to be Lieutenant.

Coast Guard nomination of Jeffery J. Rasnake, 8595, to be Lieutenant.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1755. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to make permanent the summer food service pilot project for rural areas of Pennsylvania and apply the program to rural areas of every State; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. AKAKA, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) (by request):

S. 1756. A bill to provide supplemental ex gratia compensation to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for impacts of the nuclear testing program of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 1757. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend or make permanent certain authorities for veterans' benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1758. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to help individuals with functional impairments and their families pay for services and supports that they need to maximize their functionality and independence and have choices about community participation, education, and employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1759. A bill to provide for the review of agricultural mergers and acquisitions by the Department of Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 1760. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1761. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to contract with an independent engineer to review the construction methods of certain Federal highway projects, to require States to submit a project management plan for each highway project financed with Federal funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1762. An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 602 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008 (S. Con. Res. 21); from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; placed on the calendar.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 266. A resolution making minority party appointments for the 110th Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. Res. 267. A resolution honoring the life of renowned painter and writer Tom Lea on